



Preserving America's Heritage

June 27, 2011

Victoria Rutson
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: *Proposed MCRR & CMR Rail Line Abandonment & Discontinuance of Service
Cass County, Missouri
STB Docket # AB 1068X*

Dear Ms. Rutson:

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) has received your notification of adverse effect for the referenced undertaking that was submitted in accordance with Section 800.6(a)(1) of our regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). The background documentation included with your submission does not meet the specifications in Section 800.11(e) of the ACHP's regulations. We, therefore, are unable to determine whether Appendix A of the regulations, *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, applies to this undertaking. Accordingly, we request that you submit the following additional information so that we can determine whether our participation in the consultation to resolve adverse effects is warranted.

- A description of the steps taken to identify historic properties;
- A description of the affected historic properties, including information on the characteristics that qualify them for the National Register;
- A description of the undertaking's effects on historic properties;
- An explanation of why the criteria of adverse effect were found applicable or inapplicable, including any conditions or future actions to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects;
- Copies or summaries of any views or comments provided by consulting parties, the public, and the Missouri State Historic Preservation Officer;
- Copies or summaries of any views or comments provided by any affected Indian tribe.

Upon receipt of the additional information, we will notify you within 15 days of our decision.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Najah Duvall-Gabriel at 202-606-8585 or via e-mail at ngabriel@achp.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "LaShavio Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LaShavio Johnson
Historic Preservation Technician
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